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MISSOULA STUDENT TO STUDY ALGERIAN AUTHORS AT UM

MISSOULA--

A University of Montana senior from Missoula, Cheryl Kradolfer, will study the works and history of two Algerian revolutionary authors through a \$1,000 UM Watkins Scholarship.

During the 1981-82 academic year, Kradolfer will be one of 35 students in the UM College of Arts and Sciences to receive the scholarship to research and write a senior honors paper.

Kradolfer, who majors in French, will study the published literary works of Kateb Yacine and Assia Djébar and describe the French colonization of Algeria, the Algerian struggle for liberation and the search for personal and cultural identity.

According to Kradolfer, the novelists are representative of the revolutionists of the "generation de '54," so named for the year of the outbreak of the Algerian war for independence in 1954. She said that both Yacine's and Djébar's writing describes the colonial life, the revolution and the subsequent readjustment to a non-colonial identity, and that Djébar's novels also express the condition of Algerian women and their roles before, during and after the revolution.

The faculty adviser for Kradolfer's research is Dr. Roman Zylawy, associate professor of foreign languages in French.

Kradolfer, daughter of Ernest and Ruth Kradolfer, is a 1978 graduate of Hellgate High School.

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Since the program began in 1978, a total of 114 UM students have been awarded the competitive Watkins scholarships based on their prior academic achievements and the quality of their research proposals. The scholarship funds come from the \$353,000 Gordon and Anna Watkins Endowment at UM.

Gordon Watkins was a 1914 UM alumnus who was a Welsh coal miner before he immigrated to the United States in 1906. He received the doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1918 and an honorary doctor of laws degree from UM in 1940.

Watkins taught in Illinois and California universities and was provost of the University of California at Riverside until 1956. He also authored several books and articles on economics and labor relations and acted as a federal arbitrator and international consultant in economics. While at UM, Anna Davis Watkins was secretary to the UM president and graduated in English in 1915. Both died in 1970.

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